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For:	<i>DNA MOLECULES ENCODING HG51, A G PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR</i>		

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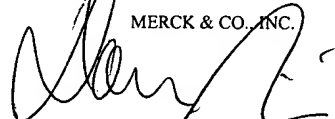
In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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